

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List**

NOVEMBER 2011 EVENTS

- Nov 2** **Stevenson Elementary Community Resource Fair**, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m..
Stevenson Elementary School Gym, 14220 NE 8th Street
Open to the community, over 20 vendors will be at this resource fair to provide help to families who need energy assistance, dental/medical information or appointments, after-school programs, food assistance and DSHS. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! No registration is required. **Info:** Cecilia Martinez-Vasquez, 425-452-6040 or cmartinezv@bellevuewa.gov .
- Nov 4** **“Where Would I Be in an Evergreen Tree?” - Children’s Activity**, 11 a.m. – Noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
You will be surprised at how many different animals fit into the neighborhood of an evergreen tree! We will make our own three-dimensional evergreen trees to take home. **Ages:** 3 and older. **Cost:** \$2; parent and child must both register. **Pre-registration** is required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59524. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 5** **Veterans’ Day Dance**, 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Enjoy an evening of fun and the songs of the “Sound of Swing” band. USA Dance will be here to teach a lesson from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., followed by dancing to all of your big band favorites. **Ages:** 18 and older. **Cost:** \$15 per person. **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Nov 6** **Winter Wildlife – Ranger Program**, 2:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
What happens to all the wildlife in winter? Discover how our year-round wildlife survive the Pacific Northwest winter, and who migrates to Mercer Slough during the winter months. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Nov 8** **Veterans’ Day Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person. **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Nov 11-20** **The Frog Prince – Bellevue Youth Theatre Production**,
Nov. 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 7 p.m.; Nov. 13, 19 and 20 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
This is a charming story about an unlikely romance between an enchanted frog and a princess. Hilarity ensues as the frog races against a curse to win the heart of a reluctant princess. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** \$10 per advanced ticket; \$12 per ticket beginning on Nov. 7. **Info:** 425-452-7155.

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- Nov 12** **Living with Wildlife – Local Area Walk**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Come walk the trails at the Greenbelt with a Park Ranger to learn about local wildlife. Learn ways in which humans and wildlife coexist, protecting what “wild” open spaces are left and taking proper actions/precautions to ensure the safety of wildlife and habitat. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.
- Nov 12** **“Nature Charades” – Children’s Activity**, 11 a.m. – Noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Children will learn about the characteristics of living things as they choose a favorite thing found in Lewis Creek Park. They will then apply what they have learned in the familiar game of Charades. Parents and children will explore together. **Ages:** 6 and older. **Cost:** Free, but parent and child must both register. **Pre-registration** is required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59341. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 16** **Thanksgiving Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us as we serve you a delicious turkey and trimmings feast. Entertainment provided. Please pre-register by November 10. Co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. **Ages:** 3 and older. **Cost:** \$3 suggested donation for those 60+; \$5.75 fee for those under 60, both payable at the door.. **Pre-registration** is required by November 10. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.
- Nov 18** **Backcountry Film Fest**, 7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Join TRACKS and the Foothills Branch of the Mountaineers for a special showing of the Backcountry Film Festival. This film festival promotes the works of grassroots filmmakers who tell compelling and entertaining stories of backcountry, non-motorized recreation and environmental preservation. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Tickets required **Info and for tickets:** www.mountaineers.org/.
- Nov 20** **“Green Fire – Aldo Leopold and A Land Ethic for Our Time” – Movie**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Watch the first full-length, high-definition documentary film ever made about legendary environmentalist Aldo Leopold. “Green Fire” highlights Leopold’s extraordinary career, tracing how he shaped and influenced the modern environmental movement. Leopold remains relevant today, inspiring projects all over the country that connect people and land. Running time is 72 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. Screening premieres have sold out across America. Therefore, **pre-registration** is required. Additional screenings will be scheduled if demand dictates. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59335. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Nov 21-22 KidsCare Coat Drive**, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
Bellevue families in need can shop for a free winter coat for each family member while supplies last. This event is sponsored by the KidsCare Coat Drive and volunteers with the City of Bellevue's Youth Link Program. Please bring photo ID. **Info:** 425-452-4874.
- Nov 22 Thanksgiving Dinner**, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
A free Thanksgiving dinner is provided for our neighbors in need. Come early to enjoy holiday arts and crafts at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. This event is co-sponsored by Aldersgate Methodist Church. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free for those in need. **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-4874.
- Nov 24 Turkey Day Indoor Cycling Rides**, 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m. or 9:30 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Come to this FREE one-hour indoor cycling class to burn 600+ calories before the “feast,” and benefit the Eastside Domestic Violence Program. A list of suggested donation items will be available when you sign up. Please call to reserve a bike. Bring a bike-cage size water bottle and towel. Wear SPD cycle shoes or athletic shoes. **Ages:** 13 and older. **Cost:** Free! Donation encouraged. **Pre-registration** is required. **Info and to register:** Joan Perugini at jperugini@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Nov 24 Fit for the Feast**, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Ave NE, Bellevue WA
Join us for a two-hour Master's swim workout prior to your Thanksgiving dinner. All abilities are welcome. **Ages:** 19 and older. **Cost:** \$10, which includes a designer t-shirt. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4444.
- Nov 25 Youth Appreciation & Safety Day**, Noon – 2 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Ave NE, Bellevue WA
This fun event offers swimming and raffles while promoting water safety and proper life jacket use. Free designer t-shirts to the first 50 children under 12 years of age. **Cost:** Free for 12 and under; \$6 for 13 and older. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4444.
- Nov 25-27 A Christmas Carol – Bellevue Youth Theatre Production**,
Nov. 25 and 26 at 7 p.m.; Nov. 26 and 27 at 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street
This is the traditional retelling of “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens, BYT-style. We follow Ebenezer Scrooge as he is unwillingly taken through his past, present and potential future. This ultimately uplifting tale with music and dance will leave you ready for the holiday season. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** \$10 per advanced ticket; \$12 per ticket beginning on Nov. 21. **Info:** 425-452-7155.

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Nov 26-Dec 31 Garden d’Lights, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. nightly (last entry at 9:30 p.m.)

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

This annual holiday season tradition features over one-half million lights which transform the Bellevue Botanical Garden into a blossoming winter wonderland. Inspired by plants found in Northwest gardens, hundreds of volunteers work year-round to bundle strings of lights into three-dimensional flowers, shrubs and vines. The volunteer team also has created charming animal characters. Charlotte the spider remains a favorite. Be on the lookout this year for the newest member of the menagerie in the Yao Garden. The Trillium Gift Shop will be open every evening from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from Noon to 3 p.m. for daytime shoppers and ticket purchases. The shop is brimming with gift items, holiday ornaments and decor. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost and Info:** \$5 per person; ages 10 and under are free. Visit www.gardendlights.org to purchase your ticket, get all event and parking details, and find out how to visit the show for FREE.

Nov 27 “A Sand County Almanac” by Aldo Leopold (Naturalists’ Book Club), 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Widely cited as one of the most influential nature books ever published, *A Sand County Almanac* explores the breathtaking diversity of the unspoiled American landscape at the peak of its beauty and majesty. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 18 and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59336. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 29-Dec 3 Hilltop Holiday Craft Show,

Nov 29-Dec 2 – 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Dec 3 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Northwest Arts Center, 9819 NE 24th Street

Lift your holiday spirit! Come and enjoy this delightful, unique, whimsical, one-of-a-kind craft show featuring thousands of hand-crafted items from over 80 selected Northwest crafters. It’s not your ordinary craft show. **Ages:** All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; crafts vary in price. **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106. **Crafter application/information:** Hilltop.crafts@frontier.com or 360-668-1987.

DECEMBER 2011 EVENTS

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Dec 2 “In the Snow: Who’s Been Here?” – Children’s Activity, 11 a.m. – Noon

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Animals leave neat clues behind during their forest travels. Find the signs in the snow and join in guessing, “Who’s been here?” Then make a pop-up snowflake card for the holidays. **Ages:** 3 and older. **Cost:** \$2; parent and child must both register. **Pre-registration** is required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59525. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Dec 2 Seattle Civic Christmas Ship, 8:50 – 9:10 p.m.

Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE

Join us on shore to welcome the Seattle Civic Christmas Ship. There will be a beach fire for all to enjoy **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- Dec 2-11** **How the Penguins Saved Santa Claus – Bellevue Youth Theatre Production,**
Dec. 2, 3, 9 and 10 at 7 p.m.; Dec. 4, 10 and 11 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northrup Way
Come and share the magic and laughter of the holiday season as a group of misfit penguins race against the clock to save Santa. The whole family will enjoy this offbeat tale of Santa who needs some big help from little friends. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** \$10 per advanced ticket; \$12 per ticket beginning on Nov. 28. **Info:** 425-452-7155.
- Dec 4** **Holiday Christmas Cruise, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.**
Meydenbauer Yacht Club, 9927 Meydenbauer Way SE
This cruise provides a fun experience for teens and adults with developmental disabilities. Yacht club members volunteer their time and boats to offer a cruise and great food to celebrate the holiday season. All participants must wear life jackets during the cruise. Sponsored by Seafair. **Ages:** 16 and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is required by November 15. **Info and to register:** Bellevue Parks - 425-452-7686.
- Dec 7 and 8** **Tractor-Pulled Hayrides with Santa,**
1 p.m. – 3 p.m. on Dec. 7; 10 a.m. - Noon on Dec. 8.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Create a new family holiday tradition with farm-style fun for parent and child. Hop onto the tractor-pulled wagon for a festive ride around the farm. Bring your camera and take that special moment photo of your child with Santa. Adult must accompany child(ren). **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** \$5 in advance; \$6 on the day of the event. **Pre-registration is recommended.** **Info:** 425-452-7688 or kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov .
- Dec 9** **Holiday Ball Dance, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Come and celebrate the holiday season with friends. Finger foods and cake will be served. This dance is for adults and teens with developmental disabilities. **Ages:** 16 and older. **Cost:** \$9/residents; \$11/non-residents. **Pre-registration** is required; register at www.MyParksandRecreation.com . **Info:** 425-452-7686.
- Dec 13** **Celebrate Snow Dance, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.**
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person. **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Dec 13** **Crossroads Youth Holiday Party, 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.**
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street, Bellevue WA
Bellevue youth and families in need can enjoy free refreshments, entertainment, and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus while receiving a free gift. **Ages:** Event is open to infants through age 18 (must still be in high school). Child must be present to receive a gift. This is a drop-in event; no registration is required. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-4874.

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- Dec 14** **Holiday Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us as we serve you a festive holiday meal. Enjoy seasonal music preceding lunch. Please pre-register by December 9. Co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. **Ages:** 3 and older. **Cost:** \$3 suggested donation for those 60+; \$5.75 fee for those under 60, both payable at the door.. **Pre-registration** is required by December 9. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.
- Dec 17** **Holiday Ball**, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Enjoy an evening of fun and the songs of the “Sound of Swing” band. USA Dance will be here to teach a lesson from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., followed by dancing to all of your big band favorites. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$15 per person. **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Dec 18** **“Stranger in the Woods” – Movie**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Based on the award-winning children’s book by the same name, the winter storm has ended, and the entire forest is wearing a coat of glistening white. As the animals come out of their shelter at daybreak, they discover there is something, or someone, new in the forest. Who is this stranger in the woods, and what wonderful surprises does he bring? Running time is 23 minutes. We will read the book together and then enjoy the movie. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 5 and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration** is required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59479. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 20** **Seattle Civic Christmas Ship**, 7:45 p.m. – 8:05 p.m.
Meydenbauer Beach Park, 419 98th Avenue NE
Join us on shore to welcome the Seattle Civic Christmas Ship. There will be a beach fire for all to enjoy **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

JANUARY 2012 EVENTS

- Jan 6** **“Owl Moon” by Jane Yolen (children’s activity), 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
A little girl and her father go owling one night. Will they see an owl or two? We will read the story and make an owl mask. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2; parent and child must both register. **Pre-registration:** required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64087. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 7** **Lewis Creek Ranger Hike, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! No registration is required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 7** **“Baby Tales” (children’s movie), 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Foal, cub, piglet, chick, polliwog, pup or kitten – every creature begins life the same way, as a baby. But growing up is different for each of us. Turtle hatchlings make their way in the world by pure instinct. Other babies form strong bonds with their mothers, relying on them for years of devoted care and all-important training. These are the stories of babies across the animal kingdom and their daunting journeys into a grown-up world. Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 5 and up. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64192. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 11** **“Green Fire – Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time” (movie), 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come celebrate Leopold’s 125th birthday as we watch the first full-length, high-definition documentary film ever made about legendary environmentalist Aldo Leopold! “Green Fire” highlights Leopold’s extraordinary career, tracing how he shaped and influenced the modern environmental movement. Leopold remains relevant today, inspiring projects all over the country that connect people and land. Running time is 72 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64203. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 14** **Local Area Hikes – Coal Creek Park, 10 a.m. – Noon**
Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE (limited parking)
Did you know Bellevue has almost 100 parks and over 80 miles of trails to explore? Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the year. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Hikes vary in theme and length. Distance: 5 miles. Level of difficulty: Moderate. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Jan 15** **“Challenges of Life” (movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m..
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This introduction to the series shows examples of extraordinary feeding, hunting, courting and parenting behavior from across the animal kingdom and around the globe. Running time is 50 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64196. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 19** **“Cougar Mountain Wildlife” (nature talk, family activity)**, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m..
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This talk is presented by Steve Williams, retired manager of Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. You will be able to see artifacts and mounts of some local birds and animals, as well as hands-on comparisons of skulls and tracks. Come and find out who lives in our woods. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 6 and older. **Cost:** Free! Pre-registration: required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course # 64740. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 21** **Weird Webs (family activity)**, 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m..
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
We will use a ball of string to create a food web that shows the interactions between the members of the ecosystem and learn to appreciate the interconnections and interdependence within the “web of life.” Parents and children will learn together. **Ages:** 8 and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64060. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 22** **“Wolves in Washington” (Hot Topic Series)**, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m..
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Have you heard? Gray wolves have returned to Washington nearly 70 years after they were extirpated from the state! Should we be excited or nervous? Where are they coming from? Where are they traveling to? What is the State doing to prepare for their presence? Explore and inquire about wolves in Washington State. Learn about where you can find more resources on this important topic. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64215. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 27** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Life in the Undergrowth,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m..
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Ave SE
Open your eyes to the bizarre, ferocious and surprisingly beautiful world of the invertebrates. Within this remarkable world lie not just beetles and bugs, but exotic cicadas, neon glow worms and intricate silk-weaving spiders, along with a whole host of other incredible life forms with startling behavior. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8+. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! No registration is required. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov .

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- Jan 28** **“Intro to Wildlife Biology” (Living with Wildlife Series), 1 p.m. – 2 p.m..**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Wildlife biologists are becoming increasingly involved in the human dimensions of wildlife management. Human-wildlife conflicts are on the rise across America as growing human populations continue to encroach on wilderness territories. Learn about human-wildlife interactions in Washington and what biologists are doing to manage conflicts. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64211. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 29** **“Watched by Wild Animals” by Enos Mills (Naturalists’ Book Club), 6 p.m. – 8 p.m..**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Enos A. Mills is considered to be the “Father of Rocky Mountain National Park.” He was a naturalist, writer, speaker, nature guide, photographer, innkeeper and miner. Homesteading in Estes Park, Colorado, in 1885 brought him into intimate contact with the natural world. His books are all true accounts of his experiences in the wilderness. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 18 and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64204. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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SEASONAL EVENTS

- Sept-Nov** **After School Volunteers**, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Earn community service hours in this once-a-week after-school volunteer program at Kelsey Creek Farm Park. You need to have a willingness to learn, a positive attitude, a tolerance for being outside and an interest in animals. **Pre-registration is required. Info/Register:** 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov .
- Nov** **Kelsey Creek Farm Pioneer Days**, daily - times vary
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Experience life in the 1800s by visiting our historic log cabin. Tour includes grinding wheat and coffee, turning butter and other living history activities. **Ages:** For preschool and school groups, ages 2 and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to \$5 per person). **Pre-registration is required. Info/Register:** 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov .
- Dec-Jan** **Kids on the Farm Group Tours**, times vary
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Explore our farm and meet our goats, pig, sheep, rabbits, chickens and ponies.. Experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding and create a wool sheep to take home. **Ages:** For preschool and school groups, ages 2 and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to \$5 per person). **Pre-registration is required. Info/Register:** 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov .

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

3rd Sunday of each month

NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners, Noon - 2 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130th Place SE

Visitors invited to drop in and watch as spinners demonstrate the traditional art of hand spinning as they turn fuzzy fiber into yarn. New spinners welcome! **Register:** not required. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

Every 1st Monday each month

Snocone Night, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bellevue Skate Park, 14224 Bel-Red Road (within Highland Community Park)

Bellevue Skate Park and Snowboard Connection are proud to present “Snocon Night.” Various games, best trick contest, and give a ways for families and youth of all ages. Come check it out - you may walk away with some cool prizes. **Info:** 425-452-2722. **Register:** not required.

Every Monday

2011 Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE

Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

Every Monday

2012 Youth Involvement Conference Planning Committee, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE

Help plan a biennial city-wide youth conference in Bellevue. Decide with other teens on selecting themes, workshops and speakers. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

Last Monday each month

Youth Link Teen Closet Distribution Event, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

World Impact Network, 2015 Richards Road

Teen Closet is a free clothing bank for teens and families in the Bellevue area. Individuals, families, and community groups interested in volunteering at the event can contact Patrick, Youth Link Program Coordinator, 425-452-5254, e-mail palina@bellevuewa.gov, or visit www.youthlink.com.

Every Tuesday

21st Annual Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE

Help plan a city-wide youth recognition event in Bellevue. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

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Events List**

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month

Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-119

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4th Tuesday each month

Bellevue Youth Court, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Council Chambers

Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court with two juvenile court cases. **Info:** 425-452-2846 or visit www.youthlink.com.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Bellevue Youth Council Meeting, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students.

Info: Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

1st Thursday each month

Bellevue Network On Aging Meeting, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-112

Info: 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

Every Saturday

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Do you know the story behind the Phantom at Phantom Lake? Have you ever seen an environmental restoration site? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Learn the history of the park, tour community gardens, and learn about local wildlife. **Ages:** Fun for the family; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

Every Saturday

Mercer Slough Nature Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

At 320 acres, Mercer Slough Nature Park is Lake Washington's largest wetland and Bellevue's second largest park! Meet a Park Ranger at the Environmental Education Center for a free guided tour to learn about the fascinating flora, fauna and history of the park. Please dress for weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Register:** not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565. **NOTE:** No walk on December 24 or 31.

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
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Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Luncheon, Noon

North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE

Adults 60 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. ***Suggested donation:*** \$3 for those 60 and older; fee of \$5.95 for those under 60. Lunches sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches.

Info/Pre-register: 425-452-7681.